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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER ON CAMP DAVID SUMMIT

REF: STATE 205983

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER FRASER TO PRESIDENT CARTER IN REPLY TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE CAMP DAVID TALKS. SIGNED ORIGINAL POUCHED TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON FOR DELIVERY. TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. "MY DEAR JIMMY:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 15 AUGUST AND FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN WRITING TO ME ABOUT YOUR LATEST INITIATIVE TO GET THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS GOING AGAIN AND ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK FOR A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT.

MY GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THESE NEGOTIATIONS. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN TO ENSURE THERE SHOULD BE CONTINUING PROGRESS TOWARDS RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUES, AND YOU MAY BE ASSURED OF OUR UNDERSTANDING AND FULL SUPPORT FOR YOUR UNTIRING EFFORTS TO BRIDGE
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THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN STAND-POINTS.

WE ALSO SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, TO BE JUST AND LASTING, SHOULD BE BASED ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES SET OUT IN UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH A SETTLE-

MENT WILL NEED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. AS TO THE DETAILS OF A
SETTLEMENT, ANY ARRANGEMENTS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES
WOULD HAVE OUR SUPPORT.

MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THE EARNEST
HOPE THAT YOUR FORTHCOMING TALKS AT CAMP DAVID OPEN THE
WAY TO A NEW AND FRUITFUL PHASE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.
YOURS SINCERELY. J.M. FRASER."
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